



Family Book Club

Topic: Fairy Tales

The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld (E)

Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion by Alex T. Smith (E)

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo (J)

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (J)

Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke (J graphic novel)

The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang (YA graphic novel)

Tokyo Ever After by Emiko Jean (YA)

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey (fiction)

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton (fiction)

The Princess Bride (DVD)



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Book Discussion Ideas

Was the book a 'thumbs up' or a 'thumbs down' for you?

What three words would you use to describe the main character?

What three words would you use to describe where the book is set?

Who was your favorite character and why did you like them?

What did you think of the way the story ended?

What do you think happens to the characters next?

Did you learn anything new from reading the book?

Why do you think the author wanted to write this story?

If you could give the book another title, what would it be?

Would the book make a cool movie? Video game? TV show?





Fairy Tale Fun Facts

Many of today's fairy tales come from centuries-old stories that have appeared, with some changes, in multiple cultures around the world.

Before they were written down, fairy tales were passed down from generation to generation by being told aloud or acted out.

Because of this, the history of fairy tales is not very clear.

Fairy tales have only been associated with children's literature since the 19th and 20th century. Before that, adults were the audience of a fairy tale just as often as children!

Cinderella's glass slipper isn't always made of glass; in the Brothers Grimm version of the story, it is made of gold.

The princess in Sleeping Beauty has gone by different names in the many versions of her story, including Talia, Briar Rose, and Princess Aurora.

Jack and the Beanstalk is the best known of the "Jack tales", a series of stories featuring the Cornish and English hero and archetypal stock character Jack.

The "story-starting phrase" is a common feature of many languages. "Once upon a time" has been used in storytelling in the English language since 1600.